



# City of Seattle



*Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor*

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## **Fact Sheet for *Cyber Safe City***

- The outstanding work on internet safety programs done by the Seattle Police Department won the City of Seattle a Cyber Safe City award, which is a nationwide program sponsored by MSN and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), one of the world's leading child advocacy groups. The Cyber Safe City award was presented to Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske on May 28, 2003 at the Seattle African American Academy.
- Seattle Police Department will receive an MSN grant donation of \$10,000 to help them continue their work in educating Seattle citizens about Internet safety and convicting online predators.
- Seattle is one of six American cities to be awarded this title. The other cities are Dallas, TX; Naperville, IL; New York, NY; San Diego, CA; and Sioux Falls, SD.
- Seattle Police Department has two complimentary programs that focus on Internet safety called Internet and Your Child Program (IYCP) and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).
- IYCP was initially created and funded in 1997 by Seattle Detective Leanne Shirey, a 21-year police veteran. This program educates law enforcement personnel, the legal and justice profession, as well as parents, teachers and members of the community, about Internet safety and ways to protect children against online predators.
- IYCP, which has taught over 17,000 individuals, is now a model for programs in 17 states. The program is also offered in the Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Portuguese languages.
- ICAC is a federal, grant funded program to counter emerging threat of offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.
- Seattle Police Department oversees the ICAC regional task force that is composed of members from the Washington State Patrol, Pierce County Sheriff, Spokane Police, and Kennewick Police Departments, in conjunction with the FBI, US Customs Service, and US Postal Inspectors Office.
- Data on Internet crimes against children collected by ICAC between March 2000 and December 2002 are as follows:
  - 458 cases have been investigated
  - 506 cases are being reviewed and referred to other agencies
  - 101 cases are pending to be assigned
  - 188 search warrants have been served
  - 56 convictions have been made (this does not include suspects pending trial or plea agreements)
  - 136 computers have been examined
  - Over 2 terabytes of media capacity, which is equivalent to a stack of paper 44 miles high, have been forensically examined